

California Recreational Trails Plan Program Goal - Progress as of August 12, 2008	
GOAL FOR THE CALIFORNIA RIDING AND HIKING TRAIL Evaluate the status of previously secured easements for the California Riding and Hiking Trail and evaluate the feasibility for continuance of the trail's expansion.	
Action	Progress to Date
1. Secure graduate students, interns or volunteers to organize the records of the previously secured easements and to identify the current active portions of the California Riding and Hiking Trail (CRHT) and their ownership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The California State Parks (CSP) Statewide Trails Office has hired a student intern that is working on identifying easement issues in areas of high concern statewide
2. As funding becomes available, research the ownership status and the uses and conditions of the previously secured easements that are not currently identified as active portions of the trail.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a task of the previously mentioned student intern in concert with county staff • San Diego has staff dedicated to this task
3. Secure funding to hire a consultant to analyze the potential for completing the CRHT and to prepare a report to be presented to the California Recreational Trails Committee (CRTC) for its recommendation for the future of the CRHT. If it is determined that the CRHT has significant potential for success: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek funding through the State's General Fund, federal trails and transportation grant sources, and future Park Bond Acts to acquire land in fee title or to secure easements, consistent with other trail priorities; • Identify new trails that may be in place or that are planned that could provide alternative linkages for the CRHT; • Notify counties and cities in the vicinity of segments of the trail of the State's willingness to work cooperatively with them on the trail • Use the CRTC to recognize official additions to the CRHT, should it be deemed appropriate for continuance of the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding in recent years has not been available to hire a consultant to research the viability of completing the historic vision of the CRHT • No new purchases have been completed with respect to additions to the CRHT current ownerships • CSP has been actively working with San Diego and San Mateo Counties to plan potential CRHT ownership transfers to coordinate alternative linkages with regional trail systems • Through the update of this Plan and future staff reports the CRTC will be involved in the progress of CRHT ownership planning

More information about this report is available at: www.parks.ca.gov/trails/trailsplan